

**TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday February 12th, 2025**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

Mayor Peter Dueck called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Peter Dueck, Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston

Councillors: Ron Rogowsky, Donna Gislason

Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer

Absent with regrets: Councillor Rob Thorsteinson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

27-2025

Johnston / Gislason

BE RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – January 22nd, 2025

28-2025

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes from the following Meeting be adopted:

Regular Meeting – January 22nd, 2025

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. Operations Manager Report

Justin introduced himself to Council and reported on the following:

- Fire Inspection Park/Playground
- Staff Meetings
- Replacing Meter Heads
- Public Works Operations
- Line Striper Quotes

29-2025

Rogowsky / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Council approve the purchase of an Airless Line Striper, LX-40, Spraygun, 46" L in the amount of \$6,450.62, including, including taxes and shipping, from Grainger Industrial Supply.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS & PETITIONS

1. Ken Foster – 9:30 A.M.

Re: PR 233

Mayor Dueck welcomed Ken Foster, Harold Reimer, and Lorne Floyd to the Meeting at 9:33 a.m. John Brandt arrived at 9:38 a.m. They asked for the Town of Arborg's support in lobbying the Provincial Government for the upgrading of PR233 and 329. They left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

2. Julie Bergner ~ Fieldstone Ventures – 10:00 A.M.

Re: Training

Mayor Dueck welcomed Julie and Catherine to the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Julie updated Council with the training courses they are exploring to bring to the area. They left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

3. Tina Barkman & Steve Reynolds ~ Regional Connections

Immigration Services – 10:15 A.M.

Re: Lease Proposal

Mayor Dueck welcomed Tina and Steve Reynolds to the meeting at 10:18 a.m. They introduced themselves to Council and advised that they would be taking over from Eastman Settlement Services in the area in April. They also provided a proposal to lease an office in the training centre, and left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

1. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Development Agreement Progress
- Office Operations
- Curling Bonspiel Planning
- PW Operations
- Recreation Audit
- Kindergarten visit to Town Office

and attendance at the following:

- ABPRC Gala Meeting
- ABPRC Budget & Board Meeting
- EDO Business Meetings
- Meeting with potential developer

2. Council Reports

Councillor Donna Gislason reported on attendance at the following:

- ASHC Meeting
- Governance Committee Rec Review

Councillor Ron Johnston reported on attendance at the following:

- ABPRC Budget & Board Meeting
- ABPRC Gala Meeting
- Governance Committee Rec Review
- BAR Waste Meeting

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- International Educators Day
- ASHC Meeting

Councillor Ron Rogowsky had nothing to report.

3. EDO Report

Breanna reported on the following:

- Newsletter pricing package
- Logo RFP
- From the Ground Up application

and attendance at the following:

- Business Meetings

5. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. List of Accounts for Approval

30-2025

Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2024 be approved for payment:

Cheque No. 15641 – 15653	\$231,465.59
Cheque No. 15673 – 15676	\$5,713.86
Cheque No. 15695	<u>\$1,230.58</u>
Total	\$238,410.03

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the following accounts for 2025 be approved for payment:

Cheque No. 15631 – 15640	\$32,326.30
Cheque No. 15654 – 15672	\$166,778.03
Cheque No. 15677 – 15694	\$73,814.70
Cheque No. 15696 - 15733	<u>\$53,690.89</u>
Total	\$326,609.92

CARRIED

2. Water & Sewer Courses

31-2025

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Justin Hoplock and Steve Dykstra to attend the necessary water and sewer courses;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the registration, exam fees and mileage be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS – cont'd

3. MWWA Conference

32-2025

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Council authorize Richard Robinson to virtually attend the Manitoba Water and Wastewater Conference from February 24th-26th, 2025;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the registration fee be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

4. EDAM Membership

33-2025

Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Breanna Trudeau to become a member of the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership fee be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

5. Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission

* Request for Deficit Recovery

34-2025

Gislason / Johnston

WHEREAS Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission had a surplus of \$45,699.27 in 2023 and a deficit of \$73,587.72 in 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Board for Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission has requested the Town of Arborg and Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton contribute funding to cover the deficit in 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT after careful consideration Council authorizes a deficit recovery payment of \$13,944.23 to the Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission, the amount of which is 50% of the net deficit of 2023 and 2024 years combined.

CARRIED**7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. HR-01 Employee Policy & Procedures

35-2025

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Policy No. HR-01, Employee Policy & Procedures Policy. **CARRIED**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Evergreen Regional Library Citizen Rep Appointment

36-2025

Gislason / Johnston

WHEREAS Doris Benson has resigned as the Citizen Representative on the Evergreen Regional Library Board;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Larry Speiss as the new Citizen Representative to the Evergreen Regional Library Board. **CARRIED**

2. Annexation Proposal

3. Riverdale Place Workshop

37-2025

Rogowsky / Johnston

WHEREAS Riverdale Place Workshop has requested for increased funding to continue operations;

AND WHEREAS AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has provided a proposal to increase funding in 2025 by \$75,000 to be split 72% Bifrost-Riverton/28% Town of Arborg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Council approve the proposal and provide an increase of \$21,000 towards the 2025 Recycling Program in the Town of Arborg. **CARRIED**

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cody Johnson ~ BellMTS
 - * Municipal Rights-Of-Way Application M020445

38-2025

Gislason / Johnston

WHEREAS BellMTS has submitted an Application for Approval from the Town of Arborg for BellMTS to facilities on Municipality Rights-of-Way as follows:

- Install 3 new anchors:
 - East of Bert Kinzierski lane along the east side of the sidewalk near River Road;
 - South of River Road along the west side of the Town of Arborg parking lot near Main Street;
 - South of River Road along the Icelandic River near Ardal Street.
 - Remove 1 anchor North of River Road in between 337 River Road and 339 River Road.
- Extend conduit stub to hydro pole (if necessary) on the northwest corner of River Road and Ardal Street.

AND WHEREAS Council is prepared to grant the easement on condition that MTS restores the easement area to the satisfaction of the Town of Arborg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on behalf of the Town, the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Municipal Rights-Of-Way Application Form (File No. M020445). **CARRIED**

2. Travis Parsons ~ MWSB
 - * Municipal & Co-op Water & Wastewater Project Requests
 - Discussion: CAO & Operations Manager to review current list of projects and provide an update to Council at next meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

1. Brian McKnight ~ Military Service Recognition Book
 - * Advertisement *Received as Information*
2. Sara Bettess, Executive Director ~ Epilepsy & Seizure Association of Manitoba
 - * Purple Day 2025 *Received as Information*
3. Municipal & Northern Relations *Received as Information*
 - * Property Assessment Services Levy Increase
4. S/Sgt. R. Gray ~ RCMP *All Received as Information*
 - a) Municipal & Rural Reporting
 - b) 3rd Quarter Mayor's Report
 - c) Body-Worn Camera Project Review
5. Jan Simpson, National President ~ Canadian Union of Postal Workers
 - * Industrial Inquiry Commission Review *Received as Information*
6. Stacie Falana, Head Instructor ~ Prairie First Aid Training
 - * Introduction Letter *Received as Information*
7. Manitoba Environment and Climate Change *All Received as Information*
 - a) Climate Adaptation Planning For Manitoba Communities
 - b) Prairie Climate Forecast

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

1. Ken Foster – 9:00 A.M.
 - Re: PR233
 - Discussion: Administration to send letter to Ken to indicate the Town's supportive role in their lobbying efforts for an upgrade to PR 233 & PR 329.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

- 2. Julie Bergner ~ Fieldstone Ventures – 10:00 A.M.
Re: Training
Discussion: EDO to provide support.
- 3. Tina Barkman & Steve Reynolds ~ Regional Connections Immigration Services – 10:15 A.M.
Re: Lease Proposal
Discussion: CAO to send draft lease agreement.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS – cont'd

39-2025

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Council offer the larger office space in the two-story training centre to the Regional Connections Immigration Services at a rate of \$500.00 per month;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this offer includes access to a larger space for two evenings per month. **CARRIED**

12. IN CAMERA

- 1. Personnel Matters

40-2025

Gislason / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii), Council, do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera. **CARRIED**

41-2025

Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

13. ADJOURNMENT – 12:50 P.M.

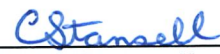
42-2025

Gislason / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on February 26th, 2025. **CARRIED**



Peter Dueck
Mayor



Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer